

Application Serial No. 10/623,743  
Amendment dated September 7, 2004  
Reply to Office Action dated May 5, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0001]** This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/973,230 filed October 9, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/530,635 filed May 3, 2000, ~~which is a nationalized~~ now abandoned, filed as 371 of international application of No. PCT/JP99/04784, filed September 3, 1999.